LEADING TOPICS AT MANY POINTS. FIGHTING IN MADAGASCAR-PRUSSIA AND THE VATI-CAN-WHAT THE NIHILISTS ARE PLANNING-

THE DYNAMITE PLOTTERS. The French have bombarded two ports on the northwest coast of Madagascar, causing the destruction of much British property. Details of the death of Captain Riviere in Tonquin are given. Various reports are current regarding the relations of the Vatican and the inthe Prussian Ministry to modify the May laws. The Nihilists are said to have adopted a new method of carrying out their designs against the Czar. The Dake of Chartres has been wrecked in the Caspian Sea, narrowly escaping with his life. The trial of the London dynamite conspirators will begin

TWO MALAGASY PORTS BOMBARDED. TAMATAVE, June 1 .- The French have bombarded two ports on the northwest coast of Madagascar, causing great destruction of British and other merchandise. The French man-of-war Forfait and the British war sloop Dryad have left the harbor. The

Malagasy authorities are pressing forward their London, June 1.—The Paris correspondent of the Exchange Felegraph Company says that Mr. Morton, the United States Minister, has not talked with President Grevy relative to the Malagasy question. The correspondent adds that the American Government sees no cause to interfere in the Franco-Malagasy imbroglio.

FRANCE TOUQUIN, AND CHINA.

Paris, June 1 .- The Gaulois in an account of the recent attack of the Annamites on a French force near Hanoi, says that Captain Riviere on leaving the fort advanced with 150 marines, leaving in reserve a force of 250 men. These latter, however, remained too far in the rear to be of service to Captain Riviere's advanced guard, which was surprised by a large force of Annamites and almost annihilated. When the rear guard arrived at the scene the Annamites fled, carrying off Captain Riviere and fifteen marines, all of whom were impaled the next

KIEL, June 1 .- The vessels which are to leave here next week for China are those recently built for the Chinese Government, and not German ves sels as was stated. They will take out a supply of torpedoes. The vessels will be inspected before they leave here by a captain of the German navy. and will be navigated to Shanghai by German seamen, who after the vesses! have been handed over to

men, who after the vesses have been handed over to the Chinese authorities will go on board vessels of the German squadron in Chinese waters.

Hong Kong, June 1.—M. Tricon, the newly ap-pointed French Minister to China, has passed through here on his way to Shangkat where he will confer with Li. Hung Chang who is to take com-mand of the Chinese troops in the provinces adja-cent to Toponiu.

mand of the College troops in the provinces aga-cent to Touquin.

LONDON, June 1.—Mr. Gladstone stated in the House of Commons this afternoon that there was at present no chance of offering the good offices of Great Britain to France or China, looking to a set-tlement between the two last mentioned nations in regard to the trouble in Touquin.

THE VATICAN AND THE POWERS. ROME, June 1 .- The Vatican has abandoned for the present the hope of establishing diplematic relations with England.

LONDON, June 1 .- A dispatch from Berlin to the Bismarck presided yesterday at a meeting of the Prussian Ministry. It was decided by the Ministry to take the regulation of church matters into their own hands independent of Rome, and to submit a bill in the Diet providing for a modification of the May laws.

BERLIN, June 1.—The bill to be submitted to the

tion of the recognition of the Government's modified rule in regard to the duty of informing the Government of church appointments.

ROME, June 1.—The Osservatore Romano says that, although Baron von Schliezer will shortly leave Rome, he will return on the expiration of his three months' leave of absence. The Moniteur denies that the negotiations between Prussia and the Vatican have been broken off, but says that Prussia will experience great difficulty in replying to Cardinal Jacobini's note.

THE NIHILISTS AND THE CZAR. LONDON, June 1.-The Pall Mall Gazette publishes a letter, dated May 24; from the Nihilist Stepnik, author of "Underground Russia," in which the writer said the Czar would not be molested at the coronation because the system of attacks to create terror has been replaced by plans for a coup d'état

Moscow, June 1 .- The imperial regalia used or the occasion of the coronation were returned to-day to the Kremlin with great ceremony. A state ban-quet was given to-night to the Mayors of cities and members of the nobility. M. Waddington and Gen-eral von Schweinitz, the French and German representatives at the coronation respectively, will both give banquets on Sunday to foreign representatives.

THE DUKE OF CHARTRES WRECKED. Moscow, June 1 .- The Duke of Chartres has

sent a telegram to the Duke of Montpensier, representative of the Spanish Court at the coronation stating that he has been wrecked in the Caspian Sea and barely escaped with his life. The Duke o Chartres is the second son of the Duke of Orleans and a grandson of King Louis Philippe.

DYNAMITE AND MURDER CONSPIRACIES. LONDON, June 1 .- The six dynamite conspirators against whom true bills were found vesterday were arraigned in the Old Bailey to-day before Justice Hawkins. They pleaded not guilty and their trial was

fixed for the 11th inst,
A special Court has been constituted to try the dyna-Justice Brett, of the Court of Apeal, and Justice Grove of the Court of Common Piezs.

CASTLEBAR, June 1.-The hearing of the prisoner charged with connection with the marder conspiracy in County Mayo was continued this morning. An informer testified that he had received a letter from Nally, one of the prisoners, containing a plan to murder an Inspector of Police who had attacked a mob at Bailina.

INCIDENTS IN THE IRISH AGITATION. Dublin, June 1 .- The Ladies' Committee to

Aid Political Prisoners has sent the following telegran to Mr. Gladstone :

Kelly on June 9. No feply to the communication has

The work of the committee in charge of the Tuke Fund 1883 is rapidly drawing to a close. The committee

has thus far dispatched 4,600 emigrants from Mayo and Galway.

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Edward Harrington, Editor of The Kerry Scatinel, and the printers of that paper have been summoned to answer the charge of printing the poster which appeared on May 19 inviting persons who desired to join the Invited of the charge of the principles to attend a meeting to be held on the following vinetoles to attend a meeting to be held on the following

THE O'KELLY-MCCOAN QUARREL.

London, June 1 .- When the O'Kelly-Mc-Coan affair came up in the House of Commons, this afternoon, Mr. O'Kelly stated that he thought the quarafternoon, Mr. O'Kelly stated that he thought the quar-rel was a personal affair and was outside the jurisdiction of the House. He stated moreover that he cared neither for the opinion of the House nor of England, but only for his own honor. Mr. McCoan, he said, having refused to spologize for the language, used in his address to his constituents, relative to him (Mr. O'Keily), was outside the category of those to whom honorable men pay attention.

regard to him. Mr. O'Kelly answered that he considered the matter ended. The subject was then dropped.

AMERICAN PICTURES IN CANADA. TORONTO, June 1.—At the annual meeting of the Ontario Society of Artists special reference was dealers, estensibly as the productions of first class artists, but really only copies of originals. A reso-lution was passed that the Government be urged to in-crease the duty to 40 per cert on pictures under the value of \$1,000 cach, and if over that value, and by well-known artists, the duty to be 10 per cent.

NATIONAL DEBT QUESTIONS IN MEXICO. CITY OF MEXICO, June 1 .- A Congressional to liquidate the National debt, excepting only the debts Governments and claims already rejected. Claims mission and those for railroad subventions are not affected by the proposed settlement. The Executive is authorized to issue bonds hearing 3 per cent interest, to be receivable for Government lands, adjudicated property and letters patent, the debt to remain national. The details of the settlement involving the amount recognized are left entirely to the Executive. The bill has passed its first reading.

FOREIGN NOTES.

Panis, June 1.—At a meeting here to-day of 400 mer-chants, M. de Lesseps presiding, a resolution was adopted requesting the Government to insure the representation of France at the Boston exhibition.

Madrid, June 1 .- The Cuban badget, which was read in the Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday, provides for the payment of the remainder of the indemnity of

LONDON, June 1 .- In the chess tournament to-day Rosenthal, Englisch and Tschigorip defeated Mortimer, Sellman and Sichiliz respectively.

Paris, June 1.—The fifth and sixth volumes of the

Comte de Paris's " History of the American Civil War have been published. The new volumes are fully equal in comprehensiveness to the volumes previously issued. BERLIN, June 1.—Count von Molike has returned here from his tour in Southern Europe. He was present in the Reichstag yesterday.

BENGHAGI, Tripoil, June 1.—The Turkish troops have succeeded in completely subduing the Arabs who refused to pay taxes, after killing and wounding forty of them. PARIS, June 1.—The English directors of the Sucz Canal Company are expected here to attend a meeting of the company, at which they will present a statement setting forth the views of the British Government in re-gard to the expediency of constructing a second canal across the fathmus.

Loxpon, June 1.-The Peruvian Charge d'Affaires has no authority to conclude a treaty of peace with Chili, and that the only effect of signing a treaty with him would be to promote anarchy.

BUTLER AND THE HARVARD OVERSEERS.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) Boston, June 1 .- Governor Butler said toing to a reporter in regard to the decision of the Harvard Board of Overseers not to give him the degree of LL. D.: "I do not feel hurt by the decision, for I know it is only the venom of a political snake, and I feel that that venom will be taken from it, just as it is taken from the rattlesnake. The only regret I feel is that the University will have to suffer for the acts of these The action of the Board will do me more good than if they had given me the degree, for it will revert on bemselves. Those who have been my friends will cling closer to me and many more will join their ranks, while those who have been my enemies will only remain as they were. I do not care about this thing at all, and yet I do care, just so much as any honest man ought to care. I care because it will, in the end, be an injury have a voice in these things, and they will be heard. I believe in the opinion of many rather than in that of any one, and the many will take it that the Board has in. Exchange Telegraph Company says that Prince suited them through me. I do not propose to do anything, but to let events take their course, and these ger tiemen will find that the world will still continue to

move on its way."

At the meeting of the Overseers on Thursday, a strong address by the Rev. Dr. James Freeman Clarke, in oppodiscovering the action of the Board, Dr. Clarke has since corning the action of the Board, Dr. Clarke has since corning the action of the Board, Dr. Clarke has since said to the tendence of the Board, Dr. Clarke has since said the proposed action were influenced by the arguments the proposed action were influenced by the arguments brought forward by those at first in the minority. These who would have voted for it knew very well that Governor Butler didn't deserve the honor, but they in tended to vote in favor of conferring it upon him simply because it had grown to be a custom to confer the degree upon the Governors of the State. It was said that it would be an insult to the State to withhold it now, and that was the strongest thing that could be said in favor of it. On the other side, there were two powerful arguments. The first was that the man did not deserve the honor which would be bestowed upon him and not upon the office he is for the time occupying. The second was the influence it would have upon young men. If was equal to saying to them: "Only succeed; get ahead by any sort of artifice or means in your power, and when you have accomplished your object the college will honor you withit a degree."

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THE TEWKSBURY INQUIRY.

Boston, June 1 .- Ex-Governor Rice testified in the Tewksbury hearing to-day that he visited the almshouse twice during his term of office, and made a thorough examination of its condition and he four everything satisfactory. He suggested to Marsh the mpropriety of so many members of his family being employed at the institution, and shortly after two of em were retired. He had paid a visit on account of mors of its mismanagement, but had no recollection at any definite charge had been brought to his atten-

tion,
Governor Butler read a long communication to exGovernor Rice, made in 1876, from the State Board of
Charitles, setting forth all these charges, and asking
him to interpose. Mr. Rice said that doubtless this

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

John Raber, a brewer at Scholes and Lorimer bilities are reported at about \$175,666, of which about \$70,000 is unsecured, \$70,000 on mortgages, and \$35, 666 confessed judgments. The assets consist of the and is mortgaged for \$70,000, a New-York bank holding a chattel mortgage for \$50,000 which has been fre quently renewed; he also owned some other real estate, and accounts make up the balance of the assets. Mr. Raber took the brewery about seven years ago to secure himself for advances, but it has not proved profitable in

ment. Mr. Raber was formerly a Commissioner of Chartites in Brooklyn.

The lainure of the Levett-Muller Electric Light Company, of No. 340 West Sixicenth-st., is reported, and the
to merchandisc creditors are offered 25 cents on the dollar
compromise, but they are not inclined to accept the offer.
Mr. Levett, the president, says that the merchandise
liabilities are about \$5,000 and that the company also
owes \$16,000 for advances from officers.

San Francisco, June 1.—The Ætna Iron Works Company has falled, and the property has been works Company and the property has been attached for \$32,784. It is said the property of the company cost \$75,000. The failure of Linforth, Rice & Co., dealers in agricultural implements, with liabilities amounting to \$43,000 and assets \$32,000, is also reported. PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—John W. Elliott & Brother, nanufacturers of cotton and wootlen goods, have failed owing \$...,000, of which \$22,000 is for merchandise. The assets are about \$18,000.

THE FISHKILL CENTENNIAL.

FISHKILL, N. Y., June 1 .- The centennial of the closing scenes of the Revolution will be observed here to-morrow by a procession and appropriate adhistorian; Judge T. R. Westbreek, of Kingston; James G. Graham, of Newburg, and Hervey J. Cook, of Fish kin Landing. During the Revolution Fishkill was selected by the Provincial Convention (as the Legislature was then called) as the place to which the Treasury and State archives should be removed and as the place for holding the sessions of the Convention. From October, 1776, until the close of the war some part of the Conti-1776, until the close of the war some part of the Continental Army was constantly here, permanent hospitals, provision depots, prisons, barracks, etc., having been established and the place converted into an armed encampagent. Fishkill and the immediate neighborhood contains many points of interest connected with the Revolution. There are many houses built before and during the war still standing, including two or three often visited by Washington and Lafayette, and the "Wharton House," made memorable by Cooper.

AMERICAN SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

CINCINNATI, June 1 .- The American Surgical Association continued its session to-day. Papers were read by Drs. Gandell, of Louisville; Conner, of Cincinneti; Bayre, of New-York; Marks, of Milwaukee; Moore

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1883. of Rochester; Senn. of Milwaukee, and MacLean, of Ann Arbor. A banquet will be given to-night.

REMOVALS BY THE EXCISE BOARD.

There are wailing and gnashing of teeth in the ranks of the County Democracy over the disposition of the patronage of the Excise Board. The Board has places as excise inspectors at its disposal the combined salaries of which amount to \$38,000. For three years County Democracy in the Board and one Republican.

Each member had one-third of the patronace.

consequently the County Democracy had twothirds and the Republicans one-third of the places. Mayor Edson appointed a Republican Commissioner in John J. Morris, an Irving Hall member in Nichola Haughton, and reappointed Commissioner Mitchell. of the County Democracy. In order to secure his confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, Mr. Haughton had agree to give Tammany Hall a share the patronage of the Board. To plish this, and not disappoint his own organization, he had to secure a part of the patronage

which Mr. Mitchell expected to retain for the County Democracy. This led to trouble in the beginning. Commissioners Morris and Haughton informed Com missioner Mitchell that he might have \$8,000 of the patronage of inspectors, and that Mr. Morris would take \$13,000 and Mr. Haughton \$17,000. To is offended the County Democracy representative, and he informed his colleagues that he must have one-third or he would take nothing. "If you refuse me my rights," said Mr. Mitchell, "you can assume the responsibility of running this Department and go ahead. wash my whole business." To this Commissioner Haughton re-

plied, "All right; we will assume the responsibility and

you can go ahead and wash as much as you please."

The result was that Mr. Haughton was elected president of the Board, to succeed Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Morris was made treasurer. Then Commissione Haughton informed the Tammany Aldermen who voted for his confirmation that they might name eight inspectors and he would appoint the men they named. speciers and he would appoint the men they named. But there are eleven Tammany Aldermen, and so they had to resort to the old lottery contrivance used so successfully by John Kelly and Hubert O. Thompson on previous great occasions. It was first proposed to throw diec, but the efficiency of some of the members in that game led to its being discarded, and they proceeded to draw lots from a hat. Alderman Fitzpatrick, who made himself famous the world over by refusing to take part in the exercises of the Bridge opening, drew a blank. He was at first disposed to lay the blame on the British, and threatened to blow the hat up with dynamic, but he was calmed by his fellow-mombers. The drawing then proceeded. Eight of the members having won the right to name at inspector, each chose his benchman, and they were all appended yesterday by the Excise Board. The County Democracy inspectors were all unread out. Joan B. Hackin, who is always around looking for "houses," secured a place for his brother and other Tammany followers were cared for.

There was great indignation last night among the numbers of the County Democracy. County Cierk Keeman threatened to decapitate every Tammany man in his office, and Hubert O. Thompson made the halls of the New Amister dam Club nowl with his complaints against the treactery of Tammany Hall. He threatens, now that the new Aquestuct bill his been signed by the Governor, to make a communication that will soul out Tammany tiall altegether from the patronage at his slipposal.

The number of recrovale and consequent appointments made was about twenty. A ficence clerk, a record clerk was about twenty. A ficence clerk, a record clerk and an application clerk were removed and fifteen or sixteen inspectors. The saintee range between \$900 and \$21,200 per annuo.

THE FREE-TRADE CONFERENCE.

DETROIT. June 1 .- The Free-Trade Conferonce mot again to-day. Theodore Rooseveil, of New favored an immediate return to a policy of free ships, the abolition of the duties on works of art the rapid reduction and total abolition of the duties on raw materials, and ion of a tartif for revenue only. Telegrams regretting their inability to attend were received from the Han. S. S. Cox, U. S. Senator Vance, of North Carolina, and Mesers. Bushrod Morse, of Buston, and John S. on Organization made a report recommending that the free-trade work of the country be organized underhe general direction of the American Free-Trade League; second, that the American Free-Trade League

for libelling the people of Red Bank in August last, was tried to day. After the evidence was in, the Court instructed the jury to acquit the defendant on the ground that the State failed to prove the faisity of the articles published. The defendant was discharged.

SEIZURE OF BONDSMEN'S PROPERTY.

BRATTLEBOROUGH, Vt., June 1.-The United States Marshal to-day served write of attachment upon ernment is some \$60,000 short in his accounts. The bendsmen are wealthy gentlemen. They are responsi-ble in the sum of \$15,000 each.

A MURDER AT AUBURN.

AUBURN, June 1 .- Mrs. Andrew Freitzheim, age forty-seven, was murdered this afternoon by some person unknown. Upon returning from work her hus-band found her on the floor with her skull fractured. The deed was committed with the blunt edge of a hatchet.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH.

SUICIDE IN TROY.

TROY, June 1.—Jules Bartiet, of Lansingburg, committed suicide today by taking isutanum. AFTER FOUR TRIALS ACQUITTED.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 1.—W. F. Thompson, that been on trial for the embezziement of \$17,000 from E ham & Lovejoy, was last evening acquitted. This was fourth trial.

RESPITE TO A MURDEBER.
SYRACUSE, June 1.—Judge Vann this af
granted a stay of proceedings for sixty days in the
Joshua Gifford, the Oswego County wife-murderer.

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DROWNED IN THE MUSKEGON.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., June 1.—John Fitzgerald,
John Walton and John Nasaland, log-drivers, employed by
the Muskegon Boom Company, were drowned in the Muskegon liver at Hersey, vesterday.

GORHAM, N. H., June 1.—The wrock on the Grand
Trunk Railroad at Stratford was caused by a freight train
being moved by the wind along the siding so that it was
struck by a passing train, and thus thrown from the track on
the bridge.

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CHARGED WITH PENSION FRAUDS.

BOSTON, June 1.—Abel Prescott, of Ayer, was arraigned before Commissioner Haliett to-day on a charge of demanding a larger pension fee than allowed by law, and also for forgery in the indorsement of a pension check. The defendant was held for examination. MURDER BY A LUNATIC.

PETERSBURG, Va., June 1.—Glenroy Henson, colored, who lived in the suburbs of this city, was mindered last night by his step-son, Joseph Henson, a lunatic, who killed his victim by striking him on the head with a fence pailing in which there were several nails.

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MURDERED BY A PRISONER,

JOLIET, Ill., June 1.—in the case of the prison convict, John Anderson, who was found dying from knife women in his ceil yeaterday, the euroner's jury found that he was murdered by his ceil-mate, Michael Mooney, who had secretly made a knife from a file to accomplish his purpose.

MURDERERS HANGED IN OKORGIA.

MACON, June 1.—John Bailey, age twenty-eight, and "Harry "Wimbish, age thirty, negroes, were ere uted to-day in the presence of 8,000 persons. Bailey murdered Parish Eappas, and of negro, last July, during a dispute over 5, windbast of the Morgan Washington, a negro, last June, during a Chaptel.

Philadelphia, June 1.—Winite a large wooden

KILLED BY A FALLING CASK.

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—White a large wooden cask, weighing 372 pounds, was being hoisted to the upper floor of a paper warehouse this afternoon, the rope broke, and the cask fell upon two of the men engaged in the work. Joseph McCullough was aimost instantly kined and Edward Kelly sustained fatal injuries.

AN ENGINEER ACQUITTED OF BLAME.

NEW-HAVEN, June 1.—In the care of George Rose, the engineer on trial at Stamford charged with mandaughter in causing the death of Henry Wood, Justice Keller to-day discharged the prisoner, as the evidence showed that several persons heard the whistle blown, and that Rose used all proper means to warn Wood of danger.

KILLED BY A BOILER EXPLOSION.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., June 1.—The siningle mill of G. V. Turner & Sons was blown to atoms this morning by the explosion of a boiler, G. V. Turner, engineer; Hiram Goulding, fireman, and John McDowell, night watchman, were killed. J. L. Tarner and Hose Piew were striously injured, and Orlando Sedders and Peter Nelson fatally injured. The damage is \$5,000.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

THE UNFINISHED IRON-CLADS. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, June 1 .- Messrs. Cramp and Roach and the other ship-builders whose contracts with the War Department for the double-turret-ironclads were suspended more than six years ago, are awaiting with some impatience the orders of the Department to resume work on those vessels under contracts to be approved by the Naval Advisory Board. The old contracts are obsolete in many respects and the Bureau of Steam Engineering has been engaged for nearly two months in getting up new plans and specifications under the advice of the Advisory Board. These are now completed, and to-day the contractors were at the Navy Department to urge the early execution of the necessary contracts. They estimate that twelve months will be required to complete the engines and machinery, and that the cost thereof will probably exceed the sum appropriated by Congress, owing to expensive alterations and improvements required by the new plans and specifications. Under the law Secretary Chandler may, if he thinks best, remove the contracts to Government Navy Yards, in which case he is required to ascertain the amounts which ought to be paid to the contractors, severally, for the use and occupation of their ship-yards, and report the same to Congress.

OTTMAN STILL LIABLE TO BE TRIED.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, June 1 .- It appears that the indictment against Ottman is still in force, and that he is under bonds to appear for trial whenever required. It is of course supposed that the "compromise made by two officers of the Department of Justice in Ottman's behalf contemplated the entering of a motion by the District-Attorney for a nolle prosequi at some future time; but that has not yet been done. The Washington Post of to-day has the follow

ing in relation to the case:

The miscarriage of justice in this case has received vari The miscarriage of justice in this case has received various interpretations, the general theory being that members of the juries which on both trials diesgreed had been "fixed." It is a fact, however, that the Prosecuting Attorney was assured by the official who had the detection of the crime in charge that it was useless to go to trial unless that it was useless to go to trial unless "Peg.Leg" Brown was used as a government witness, he having, innoceptly perhaps, disposed of the bulk of the money outside the city for Ottoan. This advice was unneeded and the result is known. A Post reporter in conversation yesterday with a well-known and trustworthy gentleman, who had business relations with Ottoan, learned of another phase of the matter, his informant declaring that on a re-trial he could produce evidence to convict Ottman without any fronce. The reason this was not available at the former trials is two-fold: the reatteman in question hesitated then to volunteer his testimony, and a strarge mistake was made in the matter of summoning another witness. The brother of the man who could give the information that must have convicted Ottman was called, and, of course, knew nothing.

It is said that Ottman might at least be sued in civil proceedings to recover the money. THE NORFOLK NAVY YARD INVESTIGATION.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNG.]

Washington, June 1 .- Senator Mahone's Washington organ published exclusively to-day the following paragraph, purporting to be a telegraphic

dispatch from Norioux, va.:

**R The Board to investigate the sileged violations of the Civil Service rules at the Navy Yardare at work examining witnesses. Its duties, under instructions, are confined to the Bureau of Yaras and Docks, and the time between the 1st and 11th lostant inclusive. Upon the attention of Secretary Chaudler being

called to the above paragraph, he said : "I am willing that my instructions to the chiefs of the different bureaus in regard to that matter should be

published. Here they are:

The Secretary's orders to the chiefs of the several bureaus-Yards and Boeks, Equipment and Recruiting, Construction and Repair and Steam Engineering—are identical in terms, and require them to investigate the facts altered by Mr. Dezendorf, and to "reform any disoledience of law and correct any abuses in the administration of matters under the commance of the bureau, found to exist in the yard, for whatever purpose or under whatever pretext maintained."

The pragrams in The Xilingar, Prochessing The paragraph in The National Republican is of ourse wholly incorrect. Every department of the Navy Yard is to receive a thorough investigation,

which is not to be confined to the time between the 1st and 11th ultimo inclusive; and the commandant of the Navy Yard and his subordinates may as well make up their minds first as last that such is to be the case.

THE STAR ROUTE TRIAL.

WASHINGTON, June 1 .- It was just one year to-day, from the foeginning of the first Star Route trial, when Mr. Merrick began the fifth day of his address to he jury. He recurred to the Department method of cal culating the allowance of pay for expedition, and made culating the allowance of pay for expedition, and made a detailed and comprehensive explanation of the subject. Again he declared that John Dorsey had been guilty of deliberate perjury upon the stand in connection with the duplicate affidavits upon the Pueblo-Rosita route and maintained that his perjured narrative was equivalent to a confession of his crime. John Dorsey had made four blank affidavits on the same day. He made them to go in stock and be filled up by another conspirator; for what he knew and cared not. The whole day was devoted to a criticism of various affidavits in the case, the testimony being quoted by Mr. Merrick in support of his declaration that they were steeped in perjury. Adjourned till Monday.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Washington, June 1 .- The Superintendent of the Mounted Recruiting Service has been ordered to orwarded under proper charge to Fort Riley, Kan., for

assignment to the 9th Cavalfy.

First Lieutenant William M. Medcalfe, Ordnance Department, will be relieved from duty at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., August 28, 1883, and will report by letter to the Chief of Ordnance, United

First Lieutenant Montgomery M. Macomb, 4th Artil lery, has been ordered to report in person to the Super lery, has been ordered to report in person to the Super-intendent of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., August 28, 1883, for duty at the Academy, Lleutenant Macomb will be relieved from his present duties in time to enable him to comply with the order. During the absence of General Wright, Chief of En-gineers, Lleutenant-Colonel John G. Parke, Corps of Engineers, has been ordered to take charge of the office and perform the duties of Chief of Engineers. Upon his own request, Second Lieutenant S. L. H. Slocum, 18th Infantry, has been transferred to the 8th Cavalry.

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The order relieving Surgeon Charles T. Alexander from duty at the West Point Military Academy August 28 has been revoked.

Leave of absence for six months, has been granted Major E. B. Beaumont, 4th Cavalry.

Leave of absence for four months to take effect after July 1, has been granted First Lieutenant C. Hewitt, 19th Infantry.

Leave of absence for four months, to take effect August 28, has been granted Second Lieutenant J. H. Philbrick, 11th Infantry,

The leave of absence heretofore granted Colonel John Gibbon, 7th infantry, has been extended two months.

Extension of leave of absence for three months has been granted Captain O. W. Pollock, 23d Infantry.

The United States steamer Swatura has been ordered

The United States steamer Swatara has been ordered from Key West, Fla., to New York. The steamer Pensa cola has been detached from the Pacific Station and ordered to proceed to Honolulu, Yokohama, Hong Kong

Hampton Roads.

Rear-Admiral Hughes, commanding the Pacific Station has been ordered to transfer his flag to some other ves set upon receipt of the order detaching the Pensacols The Lackawanna is the most available vessel, an probably be selected by Admiral Hughes for his

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Lieutenant Alexander McCracken has been ordered to the United States practice-ship Constellation, June 17; Lieutenant Clinton H. Lyeth to the United States training ship Minnesota June 8; Ensign F. W. Coffin to the Minnesota.

Lieutenant-Commander George E. Ide has been detached from the United States receiving ship Independence, and ordered to the Adams; Lieutenant-Commander George B. Livingstone from the Adams, and placed on sick leave. Lieutenant Webster Doty from the United States training-ship Minnesota and ordered to the Kearsarge. Lieutenants John V. B. Bieccker and Lucien Young from the Kearsarge and ordered to the Minnesota. Lieutenant Charles B. Galloway, from the Naval Academy and ordered to the Constellation. Naval Cadet B. H. Craig has resigned, to take effect May 31.

Lieutenant Charles E. Colahan has been detached from the United States steamer Tallapoosa, June 5, and ordered to the United States steamer Fennessee.

Lieutenant William F. Low, from duty with the Fish Commission and ordered to the training-ship New Hampshire.

Leave of absence for one year has been granted Commodore William Temple.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, June 1, 1883.
PATENTS FOR QUARTZ CLAIMS,—The General Land Office to-day granted patents to William H. Henry et al. for the Sterling Price, South Virginia, and Johnnie Buil quartz claims in the San Simon mining district of New-Mexico.

Laws or Congressional Treaties .- The Departmen of State has just issued the statutes of the United States

PATENT OFFICE RECEIPTS.-During the first five months of the current year the receipts of the Patent Office were \$507,776; during the same period in 1882 the receipts were only \$428,805, showing an increase in the receipts for the five months of the present year of \$78,971.

THE COURT OF CLAIMS.—It is expected that the Court of Claims will on Monday next hear arguments on a metion for a rehearing of the case of Leopold against the United States, which involves questions in controversy between the Secretary of the Navy and Cadet Engineers in the Navy.

CONVERSION OF CANNON.-The Ordnance Department has accepted the proposals of the South Boston Iron Works for the conversion of fifty ten-inch smooth-bore Rodman guns into eight-inch muzzle-loading rides, and the contracts have been sent to Boston for signature. The total cost of the conversion of these fifty smooth-bore guns into rifles will be \$100,000.

SET-OFF FOR DIRECT TAXES.—The First Controller of

"to refund to the State of Georgia certain money ex-pended by said State for the common defence in 1777" does not in any respect affect or suspend the law requir-ing accounting officers of the Treasury Department to make a set-off, and is not mandatory in the sense of re-pealing or suspending any prior existing statute.

A HUSBAND'S DYING MESSAGE.-The Signal Corps Sta

REDEMPTION AND CANCELLATION OF STAMPS.-Th REDEMPTION AND CANCELLATION OF STAMPS.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue to-day issued a circular providing that imprinted checks and drafts may be sent to the Internal Revenue Burean at once. Such as are received will be cancelled and returned if possible by July 1. They may be presented in sheets or bound in books, and will be returned in the same condition. Blanks which have been compressed into blocks or pads must be separated before presentation. Claims should be made on form \$1\$, copies of which will be furnished upon application.

A MOTHER'S TERRIBLE DEED.

KILLING HER THREE CHILDREN AND HERSELF

WHILE INSANE. HARRISBURG, June 1 .- A special dispatch to The Patriot says that Mrs. Susan E. Douglass, age twen-ty-seven, residing in Carlisle, Cumberland County, during the absence of her husband this morning cut the throats of her three children, George Douglass, age five; William F. Douglass, age three and a haif, and H. A. Douglass, age one, and then killed herself. All of them were found dead,

The children were found lying in bed with their throats cut, and the mother on the floor in the same room, also with her throat cut and a bloody razor lying near. Mrs. Douglass's husband is a sober and industrious man, and works at Pine Grove Furnace, six or seven miles away. He usually left home on Sunday evening and returned on Saturday. It is reported that several months ago Dr. Longsdorf, the family physician, cautioned the husband and the parents of Mrs. Douglass, who live near, to watch her, as she showed symptoms of insanity and might commit rash acts. Notwithstanding this warning, neither the husband nor the parents of the woman thought it necessary to exercise much care over her. Last evening her mother visited her, remaining until 9 o'clock. Up to the time she left she saw nothing in her daughter's conduct or appearance to arouse suspicion, but noticing no one astir about the house at a late hour this morning the mother went to ascertain the reason for the unusual quiet, and was horrified to find the whole family butchered as described. The generally accepted theory about the shocking affair is that the mother killed the three children while they were asleep and then cut herown threat with the same razor, and that she was insane when she did it. The Coroner's jury rendered a verdict to that effect. of the woman thought it necessary to exer-

RELATIONS OF CAPITAL AND LABOR.

PITTSBURG, Penn., June 1 .- The signing of the scale of wages by the iron manufacturers yesterday ecasioned great rejoicing among all classes. A number of mills are running to-day, but most of them are shut the annual picute of the Amalgamated Association at Beaver on Saturday. On Monday every mill will have resumed. The wire-drawers of Oliver's wire-mill on the outh side, to the number of 250, and also those employed by the Cambria Iron Works at Johnstown, struck to-day against a 10 per cent reduction of wages.

CINCINNATI, June 1 .- The manufacturers here say the from strike here is ended, and that as soon as the fires can be started work will proceed. The workmen did not insist upon \$6 yesterday, but receded to \$5 50. The agreement with the men to abide by the Pittaburg adjustment precluded them from all negotiation. There has been as yet no formal meeting of the workmen nor any formal notice to the manufacturers, but all assume that work will be resumed.

Youngstown, Onle, June 1 .- The rolling mill proprie tors of the Mahoning Valley will all sign the scale of last year, and work will be continued without interruption year, and work will be continued without interruption after next Monday, with the exception of Brown, Bonnell & Co., who will close down for ten days to take account of stock. There is great rejoicing among the 4,000 mill employes here.

Sr. Louis, June 1.—Thirty-four of the riotous miners

near Collinsville, who pleaded guilty to the indictment for riot, were fined \$25 and costs, but a stay of execu-tion was granted during their good behavior.

DES MOISES, Ia., June 1.-The striking miners, in addition to blowing up the residences of certain colored men brought here to take their places, are charged with firing two houses of miners last night a few miles outside the city. There is no clew to the perpetrators. Cuicago, June 1.—The Chicago Rolling Mill Company's

works at Bay View have been making merchant iron and were shut down, except the blast furnace, this morning, throwing 1,100 men out of employment. The works of the caumet from and steel company, at south Chicago, the only other merchant from mill in this vicinity, closed, except the blast furnace, last night at middight, throwing 800 men out of employment. Had the scale for puddling been signed earlier at Pittsburg yeaterday, probably neither of these would have closed, and it is thought probable that both will resume operations in a short time.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Amalgamate Trade and Labor Union was held at No. 10 Stanton-st. last night, Keuneth McKeuzie presiding. Mr. Rightmeyer, a delegate from Cigar-makers' International Union No. 47, of Springfield, Mass., reported that a committee from Cigar-makers' Progressive Union No. 1, of this city, had interfered in the Springfield strike, and had been instrumental in losing several shops to the had been instrumental in losing several shops to the Union. A motion was passed condemning the action of the committee of the Progressive Union as a "dastardly piece of scabism." It was stated that an amalgamation of all the trades in the building line would be effected at a meeting to be held at No. 192 Third-ave. on Wednes-

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

BENATOR ANTHONY'S CONDITION.

PROVIDENCE, June 1.—Senator Anthony rode out this morning and took a walk this afternoon.

THE RHODE ISLAND ASSEMBLY.

PROVIDENCE, June 1.—The General Assembly at Newport adjourned this afternoon, to meet here next January.

A MISSING MAN FOUND.

St. Louis, June 1.—The body of William Leuders, a wealthy cigar manufacturer of Philadelphia, has been found.

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CIVIL SERVICE.

CINCINNATI, June 1.—L. D. Thoman and Charles Lynan, of the Civil Service Commission, are here to select the examining boards for this city.

BURIAL OF HOSEA BALLOU.

WOONSOCKET, R. L. June 1.—The funeral of the late Hoses Ballon was held in Cumberland to-day, the Rev. Adin Ballon efficiating.

THE NAVAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 1.—Official ceremonies of the opening of the annual examination of the Naval Academy were observed this morning in the usual manner.

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BURLINGTON, June 1.—The semi-centennial celebration of the first settlement of lows is proving a great succuss. All business is suspended, and the city is full of strangers.

CLEOMARGARINE IN COURT.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 1.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day a nearing was begun in a case involving the constitutionality of the Missouri statute prohibiting the manufacture or sale of decomargarine in this State.

THE NEW BALTIMORE COLLECTOR.

BALTIMORE, June 1.—J. Henry Sellman, the Collector of Interhal Revenue, vice C. frying Ditty removed, entered upon the duties of his office to-day. The following changes were made in the deputy collectors: Springfield Baldwin, vice R. McChan; J. Emory Wetherby, vice Washington Winterson, and William A. Noet, vice C. S. Eckert, removed.

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CUSTOMS RECEIPTS IN BOSTON DECREASING.
BOSTON, June 1.—The total receipts for duties at the Custom House for May amounted to \$1,698,76192, which is a decrease of \$503,8164 as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

CHICAGO, June 1.—The Western Union Telegraph Company announced a reduction in its rates to-day to boards of trade and similar organizations between this city and St. Louis. The officials of the company state that, as the Hoards of Trade in Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis are connected by direct wires, enabling the company to send messages without the ordinary expenses of booking, checking and delivering, a concession should be made owing to this Ison.

PRICE FOUR CENTS.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES. SCUSSING IN SECRET MEANS TO PREVENT SINTS LAR ACCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

THE BRIDGE DISASTER.

A special meeting of the Bridge Trustees was held yesterday afternoon at their office in Brooklyn, to consider the recent accident and to provide measures to prevent the recurrence of a similar disaster. This was the last meeting of the present trustees, as their terms of two years—except those of the two Mayors and two Controllers—expere on Monday, unless their suc-cessors are not appointed at once. In that case they will hold over until their successors are duly quali-fied. At their last meeting they reverted to their former habit of holding sessions with closed doors. Despite the public interest in the matters they dis-cussed the reporters of the New York and Brooklyn press were kept out, and when the meeting adjourned General Slocum, who was the first to pass through the room where the reporters were in waiting, said: "Oh! we forgot that you

were out here." Mayor Low, when asked by a TRIBUNE reporter what had been done, replied: "You will find it all inside," and with a smile passed on. Another trus-tee said: "Mr. Kingsley will tell you all that was done." Mr. Kingsley referred the reporters to Mr. Stranahan, who gave brief details of the discussion

The meeting was called for 3:30 p. m., but at that

hour a quorum was not present. The trustees

dropped in one by one, and the meeting was opened

at 4 o'clock, with fourteen present, including Mayors Edson and Low, Controller Brinkerhoff, Vice-President Kingsley, ex-Mayor Howell, J. S. T. Stranahan, General H. W. Slocum Alden S. Swan, Henry Clausen, jr., John T. Agnew, Witham Marshall, John G. Davis, J. Adriance Bush and Otto Witte. Superintendent Martin and Secretary Quintard were also present, as were the stenographer of the trustees and Mayor Edson's private secretary. The meeting lasted an hour and a half. Superintendent Martin gave a verbal account of the accident, essentially the same as has been published. Various measures to prevent another such accident were discussed. The question of substituting a ramp, or inclined plane, for the steps leading from the anchorages up to the suspended superstructure was considered, and arguments for it and objections to it were advanced. Superintendent Mar-

jections to it were advanced. Superintendent Martin stated that the pipe rail to divide the steps had been ordered and would be in place at noon to-day. It was agreed that an accident of such a nature could not have been foreseen. In regard to the Bridge Police, Mr. Stranahau, of the committee on the organization of the Bridge force, reported that the force was now large enough to allow of placing twenty men on the Bridge at once, and the force would be further enlarged. It was decided to call upon the authorities of the two cities for policemen when needed.

A motion was finally made to refer the whole matter to the committee on organization of the Bridge force, adding to the committee Mayors Edson and Low. The members of the committee are Meers. Kingsley, Stranahan, Bush, Davis and Swan. The committee was directed to report at the next inceting of the trustees, on the second Monday in this month. It will hold its first sossion this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

After the adjournment many of the trustees hastily took their hats and went away. Mr. Stranahan was deputed to answer questions, and he said when asked what was done: "Oh, we were all entirely agreed upon everything. The discussion was very moderate and entirely harmonious,—entirely larmonious"; and he smilled suzvely and rubbed his hands together as if the merest matters of detail had been discussed instead of a terrible accident in which human lives were ruthlessly sacrificed.

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"When will the committee report?"

"It will report to the new Board, for we go out of office on Monday."

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"Were no suggestions made ?"
"No particular changes were proposed. Superintendent Martin made a verbal report of the accident as it has been in the papers, and said that the dividing rail on the stairs would be put up at once. But it is merely an experiment and we don't know how it will work."

"Was the question of the legal liability of the trustees considered ?"
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"Will the police force be increased?"

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"The force is now so increased that we can put twenty men on the Bridge at once. We had twenty-two on the day of the accident. And we have arranged to make requisitions on the two cities for men from the regular force in the hours when a great crowd is expected. The aid will be cheerfully accorded."

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"Was the substitution of an inclined plane for, the steps referred to?"

"Yes, the matter was discussed, but no conclusion was reached, and the matter was referred to the committee along with everything else."

Mr. Witte said to a Tribune reporter that the important action related to the improvement of the force of police on the Bridge. The force was to be reorganized and enlarged, and until the men were well trained and disciplined the two cities would be called upon for men enough to make the Bridge perfectly safe to all who want to cross it.

From another source it was learned that Mayors Edson and Low were added to the committee in order that they, as chief executive officers of the two cities, might call upon the heads of the Police Department to detail men to the Bridge while the Bridge police are being trained and made acquainted with their duties.

FALLING OFF IN TRAVEL-THE POLICE-FUNERALS OF SOME OF THE VICTIMS.

The records of the secretary of the Bridge Trustee indicate that the number of persons who crossed the Bridge on the day after the accident was 85,897. These figures show how great was the influence of Wednesday's calamity in deterring people from going on the Bridge: 64,403 less persons paid penny fares on Thursday than on Friday of last week; 12,000 less than on Saturday; nearly 78,000 less than on Sunday, and 11,327 less than on the day of the accident. But as the percentage of those who enter the gates without paying is greater when there is a great crowd than at other times the actual difference is probably greater than has been stated. Yesterday the travel over the Bridge was again moderate and devoid of interesting incident. No changes were made in the arrangements at the termini or on the Bridge. The Bridge Police were amusingly Bridge. The Bridge Police were amusingly alert and kept loiterers moving when there was not the remotest possibility of a jam. Mr. Martin said to a TRIBUNE reporter that this was not in accordance with his orders, as there could be no harm in permitting visitors to enjoy the spectacle which the Bridge affords when the travel is so small as to cause no apprehension of a blockade, He added that the experimental iron railing, to divide the moving streams of people in the narrow portion of the footway, would be in place at noon to day and on the stairs to-morrow. The police force is to be increased to sixty-six men, and the length of each day's service changed from twelve hours to eight.

A representative of the trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge went to Police Headquarters in this city yesterday with a verbal request that eight patrolmen should be stationed on the Bridge from noon until midnight each day until the trustees could make further arrangements for keeping order there. The Police Commissioners directed Superintendent Walling to detail sixteen patrolmen for duty on the Bridge. Eight of the men will patrol the Bridge from noon until 6 p. m., when they will be relieved by the other eight, who will be on duty until midnight. The patrolmen will be assigned to duty by

Captain Steers, at the City Hall Station.

All of the persons injured at the Bridge accident on Wednesday who were at the hospital yesterday were reported to be out of danger and improving slowly. Margaret Gallagher was taken to be home in Madison-st, from the New-York Hose pital. At the Chambers Street Hospital